

**BACKGROUND: GOVERNMENT FORCES IN
MALAYA AND SINGAPORE**

I. Security forces in Federation of Malaya
total 36,500 Army, 250,000 Police and
Home Guards.

A. Army:

13,000 British troops,
10,000 Gurkhas,
13,500 Malay and colonial troops.

B. Police:

50,000 (British-officered, mostly Malay
with scattering of Indians and Chinese)

C. Home Guards:

200,000 (volunteer local village
guards--mostly Malay, some Indian and
Chinese; most armed with shotguns. Home
Guards are priority Communist target
for infiltration).

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II. Security forces in Singapore total 17,500
Army, Police and Auxiliaries.

A. Army:

5,000 British troops,
3,500 Malay,
4,000 other (with exception of one
artillery regiment, all Army troops
are assigned to headquarters and
supply units).

B. Other:

5,000 Police and Special Constables
(no breakdown available).